

Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council Meeting  
 May 20, 2021  
 Teleconference & Go To Meeting Participation Only  
 Pursuant to Governor's Executive Order N-29-20  
 Meeting Minutes

<b>MEMBERS</b>	<b>Title or Agency</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Tracie Neal	Chairman, Chief Probation Officer	X	
Eric Magrini	Shasta County Sheriff/Coroner		X
Judy Flores	Shasta County Office of Education	X	
Michael Burke	Shasta County Child Abuse Prevention Coordinating Council	X	
Judge Daryl Kennedy	Shasta County Superior Court	X	
Mary Rickert	Shasta County Board of Supervisors	X	
Steve Blunk	Anderson Police Department		X
Stephanie Bridgett	Shasta County District Attorney		X
Steve MacFarland	Chairman, Juvenile Justice Commission	X	
Donnell Ewert	HHSA Social Services Branch	X	
Nancy Bolen	HHSA Mental Health Branch	X	
Bill Schueller	Chief, Redding Police Department		X
Bill Bateman	Public Defender's Office		X
Susan Wilson	Shasta Youth Options	X	
<b>ALTERNATES</b>		*****	*****
Ben Hanna	District Attorney's Office		X
Jennifer Coulter	Shasta Youth Options	X	
Jon Poletski	Redding Police Dept.	X	
Mary Lord	Shasta County Office of Education		X
Barbara Jackson	Shasta County Child Abuse Prevention Coordinating Council		X
Kathryn Barton	Public Defender's Office	X	
Jason Barnhart	Shasta County Sheriff/Coroner	X	
<b>GUESTS Present</b>		*****	*****
Erin Bertain	Probation	X	
Jeremy Kenyon	Probation	X	
Chelsey Chappelle	Probation	X	
Danielle Gehrung	Shasta Day Reporting Center	X	
James Ross	County Counsel	X	
Cindy Vogt	California Heritage Youth Build Academy	X	
Jenn Duvall	County Executive Office	X	
Brittany Garcia	EMT Associates	X	
Tiffany Toberer	DRC River's Edge Academy	X	
Lisa Jenkins	Shasta County Courts	X	
Amanda Lightfoote	Shasta Day Reporting Center	X	
Kim Niemer	City of Redding (MLK)	X	
Twyla Carpenter	Probation	X	

The meeting was called to order at 3:04 p.m. A quorum was present. Introductions were made.

### **Public Comment**

None

### **Approval of meeting minutes**

- A. Judy Flores moved to approve the minutes of January 14, 2021; Seconded by Kathryn Barton; 10 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 abstain, 1 no vote; Motion passed.
- B. Michael Burke moved to approve the minutes of April 19, 2021; Seconded by Judy Flores; 9 Ayes, 0 noes, 2 abstain, 1 no vote; Motion passed.

### **Financial Report**

None

### **Discussion Items**

#### **A. Committee members will receive an update on programs funded by the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant**

Jennifer Coulter reported on activities at Youth Options. She said they recently completed a Towards No Drugs (TND) session and Restorative Circles have been going well. She stated she is working with the evaluator on pre and post surveys. Jennifer said Peer Court is running one case per night via a virtual setting and is referring more cases to Restorative Circles.

Michael Burke reported on activities at the Anderson Teen Center (ATC). He said in the last two months ATC had 795 visits, with 82 unduplicated teens being served. He stated there were 9 cooking classes, 6 LGBTQ sessions, 8 sessions of the Mindfulness program, and a TND session was completed. Mike said ATC has recently partnered with Public Health to add the Teen Café Program. He stated two cafes have been held serving 37 unduplicated teens. He shared community service has been added to ATC and they have adopted East Center Street including the Veterans War Memorial in Anderson. Mike announced they received a \$32,000 grant from the McConnell Foundation to refresh the look at the teen center including a new commercial kitchen. Mike said ATC has been in operation for 20 years and they will celebrate this milestone in October. Mike reported Barbara Jackson has moved to the finance department at Pathways to Hope and Liz Crain has taken over operations and management at the Anderson Teen Center.

Kim Niemer reported on the activities at the Martin Luther King Center (MLK). She said in this calendar year they have completed two sessions of Kids Who Build (a computer coding program), Kings Brotherhood, Positive Girls Circle, and 133 tutoring sessions. Kim stated they are offering 15 scholarships to the Junior Lifeguard program for youth to develop job skills which could lead to future employment. She said MLK is offering a Youth Leadership Initiative Camp this summer which will include evidence-based programing and tutoring. She reported they would provide a youth leadership program for older youth who will be planning, coordinating,

and implementing outdoor education and field trips throughout the summer. Kim reported MLK will partner with Sequoia Middle School in the future to offer Project Game Plan, which combines Boys Counsel and Girls Circle curriculum with a sports program. She said they will also host a College Connection trip.

Brittany Garcia of E.M.T. Associates (EMT), reported on the grant evaluation activities. She said they are receiving the monthly attendance data from all agencies. She said they are also collecting intake forms to track demographics. Brittany stated they are collecting, both online and in paper format, the pre and post-test for certain evidence-based programs. She reported they currently have data on Project Towards No Drugs, Life Skills, Boys Council, and Girls Circle. Brittany said in December a youth feedback survey aimed at assessing the changes in the youth's school performance, self-advocacy, risky behavior avoidance, and self-esteem as the result of participating in the JAG funded programs was distributed. Brittany said their next step is to summarize the data they have gathered. She said they will also be facilitating a second round of feedback surveys.

Michael Burke asked when the grant sunsets. Tracie explained the grant is a three-year grant. She said Probation intends to apply for the next round of JAG grant funding when it's available.

Chelsey Chappelle reported Probation has worked with the Shasta County Office of Education (SCOE), Victor Community Support Services, and the HHSA Mental Health clinician to create a de-escalation room in the JRF. She reported on implementation of the sports programs stating basketball is running currently and volleyball will be the next sport implemented. She said Hope City is implementing a fine arts therapy program which has recently returned to the facility following the lessening of COVID restrictions.

**B. Committee members will receive information on the Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) Grant Program.**

Tracie Neal reported Probation applied for and received the CESF grant, which is a small grant with a term beginning March 31, 2021 and ending January 31, 2022. She said the grant requires an advisory committee and the JJCC was identified to fill this role.

Erin Bertain said the grant is funded with Federal Money allocated through the state and totals just over \$62,000 for Shasta County. Erin stated the grant required 20% of the funding be passed through to a non-governmental organization. She explained Shasta County's proposal included funding for Youth Options to address challenges their organization has experienced as a result of the pandemic including cost of technology and case management for participant engagement. Erin said the balance will pay for salaries and benefits for coverage needed in the Juvenile Rehabilitation Facility (JRF) as a result of staff quarantine or isolation orders. She added the funding will also cover the cost of personal protection and sanitization supplies in the Probation Department. Erin stated there are no evaluation requirements for this grant.

**C. Committee members will discuss resuming in-person meetings.**

Tracie asked the Council members for feedback regarding returning to in-person meetings. The group agreed to meet in-person provided local and state guidelines could be followed.

**Action Items**

**A. Committee members will consider appointing Lisa Jenkins with the Shasta County Superior Court to replace Cindy Van-Schooten on the SB 823 Subcommittee**

Tracie reported Cindy Van-Schooten retired on March 26, 2021 leaving a vacancy on the SB823 Subcommittee which needs to be filled. She said Lisa Jenkins been participating in the meetings following Cindy's absence.

Judge Kenney moved to approve Lisa Jenkins to the SB 823 Subcommittee; Seconded by Susan Wilson; 12 ayes, 0 noes; Motion passed.

**B. Committee members will review, discuss, and consider approving the Shasta County Probation Department Secure Track Treatment Program (STTP) Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) Realignment Plan or provide further direction to the SB 823 Subcommittee or to staff.**

Tracie said SB 823 Subcommittee members previously identified by the JJCC have been working very diligently, meeting sometimes weekly, to provide feedback and support through the SB 823 planning process. Tracie thanked the subcommittee members for all their work. She said the Subcommittee met on 02/10/21, 04/14/21, and 05/06/21 and identified treatment and rehabilitation services and retaining youth in the Juvenile Justice System as the two top challenges. She said the subcommittee met in smaller groups to discuss how to address each of these challenges and develop a draft narrative to incorporate in the realignment plan. She said the subcommittee will continue to meet on a quarterly basis to review the plan, treatment and services, and outcome measures as well as to make modifications to the plan as needed. Tracie said SB 823 and additional pending legislation (SB 92) require the plan be reviewed at a minimum of every three years.

Tracie reported the SB 823 Subcommittee members approved the draft plan on May 6, 2021. Tracie reviewed the plan which included the following sections:

- Terms and Definitions
- History and Overview of DJJ Realignment (SB 823)
- Local Planning and Oversight
- Implementations Strategies
- DJJ Realignment Funding/Budget

Tracie reported Shasta County applied for a one-time infrastructure grant from the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) in the amount of \$47,000 to upgrade and expand the security system in the JRF.

Tracie stated many youth sent to DJJ have committed serious sex related offenses and DJJ has a national recognized sex offender treatment program. Tracie said this type of treatment is not currently provided in the JRF, so Probation released an RFP for sex offender treatment and is working to contract with a local provider with experience in this area.

Tracie said Shasta County Office of Education (SCOE) will provide secondary education and vocational training for the older youth. She reported Juvenile Probation is relocating and their current building, including the old Juvenile Hall building, will be demolished and the secure west recreation area will be expanded. She stated Probation intends to use some of the area for the vocational training. Tracie said an MOU between SCOE, Probation, Shasta College, and the Sheriff's Office has been executed for the provision of online college education.

There was a general question and answer discussion regarding the draft plan.

Judge Kennedy moved to continue the discussion at a future meeting in June to allow the members additional time to review. Seconded by Nancy Bolen; 11 Ayes, 0 noes, Mary Rickert previously left the meeting.

#### **Other Items for Discussion/Future agenda items**

- A. Tracie announced Nancy Bolen's upcoming retirement on June 4 which makes it necessary to add an action item to replace her on the Council at the next meeting.
- B. Tracie said a future presentation on the increased Mental Health services in the JRF resulting from a partnership between Probation and HHSA would be scheduled.

#### **Next Meeting**

- TBD – Next meeting to continue discussion on the Shasta County Probation Department Secure Track Treatment Program (STTP) Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) Realignment Plan
- September 16, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.

#### **Individual comments from board members**

Michael Burke announced Pathways to Hope is hosting Hope Navigator Training, by Dr Chan Hellman in August with the goal of training 200 people in the community. Mike said he will provide a flyer to be distributed at the next meeting.

Donnell Ewert announced the new Branch Director for Children's Services will be Miguel Rodriguez who will be starting on June 7th. He gave his thanks and praise to Nancy Bolen who has worked for Shasta County for 22 years and wished her well in her retirement.

## **Adjourn**

Susan Wilson moved to adjourn the meeting; Seconded by Steve MacFarland; 11 Ayes, 0 Noes; Motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

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